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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

For:

Tsutomu YAMAZAKI

APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER

PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE

PROCESSING

Prior Application:

Confirmation No.:

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09/557,151

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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)), of Application Serial No. 09/557,151, filed on April 25, 2000, by Tsutomu YAMAZAKI entitled APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE PROCESSING.

1. The above-identified prior Application Serial No. 09/557,151, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

2. Please use the file jacket and contents of the prior Application Serial No. 09/557,151, including the specification, drawings, and declaration to constitute the new application.

3. Please enter the Response to Arguments in Detailed Action which is being filed concurrently herewith along with an Information Disclosure Statement.

4. Claims 1-15 are present in this application. Claims 1, 6 and 11 are independent claims, and claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 are dependent claims.

5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims currently existing in the prior Application Serial No. 09/557,151.

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Total claims	15-20=	6	X \$9=	\$0	OR	X \$18=	\$-0-
Independent claims	3-3=	5	X \$42=	\$0	OR	X \$84=	\$-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented	0	0	+\$140=	\$0	OR	+\$280=	\$-0-
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7. The prior Application Serial No. 09/557,151, filed on April 25, 2000, is assigned of record by virtue of an Assignment by Tsutomu YAMAZAKI to MINOLTA CO., LTD., as recorded on **Reel 010764, Frame 0340**.

8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No. 09/557,151, was filed by Tsutomu YAMAZAKI, and is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP, Dallas, Texas. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367. Please submit all correspondence to the Dallas address associated with Customer No. 24367.

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Respectfully submitted,

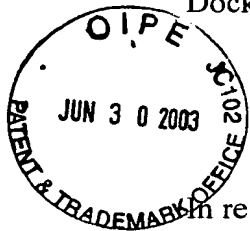
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RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS IN DETAILED ACTION

This Response is filed in response to the Examiner's comments concerning the Ishikawa reference in the Final Office Action of May 1, 2003.

The following Response is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application.